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FONOFF CHINA DIV (OGURA AND MINE) TOLD US MARCH 13 THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS AT ALL IN FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC EVEN THOUGH TWO WEEKS OF PLANNED MONTH OF TALKS HAVE NOW ELAPSED. WITH LOS DEVELOPMENTS STILL LOOMING IN BACKGROUND, TWO MAJOR BILATERAL ISSUES ALSO REMAIN AS UNRESOLVED AS WHEN NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN: A) AGREEMENT ON VESSEL SIZE AND HORSEPOWER LIMITATIONS, WHICH AFFECT LARGE-SCALE COMMERCIAL FISHING INTERESTS, AND B) PRC INSISTENCE ON OFF-LIMITS MILITARY ZONES. IN CONTRAST TO IMPASSE ON LARGE-SCALE FISHING, OGURA AND FISHING AGENCY (YONEGAWA) TOLD US EARLIER THAT PEKING'S NEGOTIATIONS SEEMED SYMPATHETIC TO NEEDS OF JAPAN'S SMALL FISHERMEN. BREAKTHROUGH COULD COME OF COURSE, BUT FONOFF IS PESSIMISTIC EVEN THROUGH FONMIN MIYAZAWA INJECTED HIMSELF PERSONALLY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO TRY TO BREAK IMPASSE. OGURA, SINCE FIRST DAYS OF TALKS HAS TOLD US HE ANTICIPATED NEGOTIATIONS

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